



Last Market of the Season

Hard to believe we are at the end of our 30 week season. It seems like only 29 weeks ago we were just getting started. Thanks to all of you the season has been great. We have had several requests to reprint the "original" short poem from the end of last year's season to help us get into the holiday mood. Here it is!

Tw'as the morn of the last market, and throughout the grounds,
All creatures were silent, except for some hounds.
(And of course those omnipresent, irritating, brash, annoying,
persistent, pesky, thieving squirrels... but I digress)
The spaces were waiting, lined off with fresh white,
In hopes that our good friends, would shop till the night.

With the market now ready, and the parking prepared,
Cars flew by down Clemson, and so we just stared.
The chill bit the morning; it could not have been sweeter,
Joe set in his truck, whilst running the heater.

But out from the road, there arose such a clatter,
Had to get back to work, and see what was the matter.
So up from my chair, I flew like a flash,
Even Joe left his truck, as his feet hit the grass.

And there midst the noise, there came through the dust,
A caravan of pick-ups, some christened with rust.
All packed to the brim, with items galore,
There was produce and crafts, and oh so much more.

On came Russell and Mandy, plus Becky and Jeff,
I could swear I saw Billy and Carrie turn left.
The vehicles came fast, and to their spaces didst fly,
It seemed to all happen, in the blink of an eye.

The crowds were upon us, all shopping and jolly,
Buying fresh foods and treats, plus wreathes made of holly.
The darkness fell quickly, the market did clear,
As the last vendor shouted, what days next year?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Holiday Market

Our annual Holiday Market is set for Tuesday, December 9, 1 to 5PM. [If you are interested in being a vendor for this market please click here.](#) Hope to see you all then!

Nov. Schedule

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| Farm Day | 4 |
| Keith Tracy | 11 |
| Keith Tracy | 18 |
| Last Market Day | 25 |

Holiday Market Dec 9



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News Flash

Lexington Green won First Place in Region 1 for their outstanding weekly display at our Sandhill Farmers Market. The contest was sponsored by the SC Department of Agriculture.

**Congratulations
Doug!**

Market Flash

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Help Make Our Market Better

During the off season we will devote time to examining the past year and what we might be able to do differently in 2015. Our goal remains to provide a safe, successful and enjoyable environment for our visitors and vendors alike. If you have any suggestions as to special events, vendors you would like to see added, operating procedures, parking or anything that is on your mind, let us know.

I can tell you that the request to make the market non smoking has come up several times along with a short list of vendors to be recruited. Send your thoughts to Stan by clicking the email market manager hyperlink on the left. Thank you for your support.

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support.

You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

Wednesday: [Blythewood Market](#) at Doko Meadows, 4:00-7:00PM

Thursday: [Lake Carolina](#) at their Town Center, 4:30—7:30PM

Saturday: [Kershaw Market](#) in Camden, 8AM—Noon

Saturday: [Soda City Market](#), 9am—1PM

Market Photos - November 18



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Home and Garden Tips

Four Fragrant, Winter-blooming Woodland Shrubs

As we move into winter, and the fall color has disappeared, there's typically a long wait until spring when so many of our favorite landscape plants begin to bloom. However, one special treat during the cold winter and early spring months is having one or more of the winter-blooming, fragrant shrubs near our walkways and home entrances. The four shrubs that are included here are ones that are less commonly seen, but can make excellent additions to the woodland garden. These plants will thrive in partial shade.



Winterhazel

The winterhazels (*Corylopsis spp.*) are deciduous shrubs with clusters of soft-yellow, bell-shaped flowers that stand out best when sited with an evergreen background. The zigzag branch habit offers additional winter interest until the fragrant blooms appear in late winter (early to mid-March in the Upstate) to steal the show. Winterhazels are in the plant family Hamamelidaceae and are close relatives of witch hazels. They thrive in well-drained, acidic soils containing abundant organic matter. Clay soils should be amended with compost or composted pine bark to improve drainage. They have very few pests or diseases, and grow best when placed in afternoon shade, such as along the edge of woodland plantings. There are several species of winterhazels that are commonly found and are equally fragrant... [read the entire article by clicking here.](#)



Turkey Time



Conventional or Heritage Turkey?

What kind of bird do you want to grace your Thanksgiving table? I have to admit that I am not too familiar with heritage turkeys compared to other heritage foods.

The folks at [Agrilicious](#) have an interesting article that discusses your choices. To read the article please [click here.](#)

Here is a tip from one of our

readers that relates to last week's article on deep-frying turkeys. The article stated to see how much oil you need fill the pot with water until it covers the turkey.

After covering the turkey with water remove the turkey from the fry pot and measure from the top of the pot down to the water level. THIS is the amount of oil you need.



See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!



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Listing of 2014 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in ***bold italics and red*** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

| Name |
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| <i><u>Asya's Organic Farms</u></i> |
| Red Barn Produce |
| <i><u>The Peanut Man</u></i> |
| Hillside Farms |
| Yummy Dogs |
| Heart of the South Pine |
| AAA Greenthumb |
| Martin Farms Produce |
| Dena's Secret Garden |
| <i><u>Hippy Do Da Creations</u></i> |
| <i><u>Usborne Books & More</u></i> |
| Bee My Honey |
| <i><u>Chill Out Pops</u></i> |
| Lexington Shades of Green |
| Babette the Dirt Diva |
| Country Garden by Saddle Rock |
| <i><u>Sunny Cedars Farm</u></i> |
| CSD Enterprises |
| The Veggie Patch |
| It's My Sister's Fault |
| <i><u>Polliwogs</u></i> |

| Name |
|---|
| <i><u>The Donut Guy</u></i> |
| <i><u>Becky's Soap Shoppe</u></i> |
| <i><u>Trail Ridge Farm and Dairy</u></i> |
| Ms. Zessie's Specialties |
| Cathi's Corner |
| Lem's Farm Shop |
| Preston's |
| First Fruits Enterprise, LLC |
| <i><u>Livingston Farms</u></i> |
| La Bella Roma |
| <i><u>Old McCaskill's Farm</u></i> |
| The Bird Man |
| <i><u>Nanna's Naturals</u></i> |
| Conyer's Farms of Kingstree |
| <i><u>Company of OHS</u></i> |
| Conyers Farms |
| <i><u>Square Foot Gardening</u></i> |
| Colchos |
| <i><u>Amy Lynne's</u></i> |
| <i><u>City Roots</u></i> |
| Harmony Farms |



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| Isom's Delights | Marcella's Cookies |
| <i><u>The Haute Dog Lady</u></i> | <i><u>Crete Art</u></i> |

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our [market page](#) and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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